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**Monday
Morning News**

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WHO WAS SHE??

Q. The first woman elected to both houses of Congress, she was also the first US Senator to denounce Joseph McCarthy's anticommunist tactics. WHO WAS SHE??

(answer at the end of this newsletter!)

ENDORSEMENT POLICY REVIEW – TOPIC OF FRIDAY MORNING'S BREAKFAST.

In the years that our caucus has been in existence (late 2003-early 2004) the Democratic Women's Caucus has raised and disbursed over \$26,000 to women candidates. All but about \$500 of this money went to women candidates in Monroe County races. All of the candidates were pro-choice Democratic women.

A committee will be studying the endorsement process of the DWC this summer, with the idea of having some revised endorsement procedure for us to discuss and adopt by the end of the year (just in time for the 2010 elections).

Each and every member of the caucus is invited to weigh in on this issue.

At our June meeting (Friday, June 5), we will begin the endorsement review process. Breakfast attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas on the endorsement process. In addition, those who are unable to attend the June breakfast will be invited to share their ideas via e-mail. The information gathered at the breakfast, via e-mail, and through targeted interviews will be distilled by a Sub-Committee of the Steering Committee. Following this, members will be presented with a revised endorsement procedure - membership vote will determine whether the new procedure is adopted or if the existing procedure remains in effect.

This is a serious function of the DWC, and your participation in the discussion, research, and proposals is necessary. Please attend the breakfast to help kick off the process.

BREAKFAST, VILLAGE DELI, 7:30 am, FRIDAY, June 5, 2009. Send a quick RSVP email to mlan@kiva.net to help us prepare for the meeting.

ONE MORE WOMAN JOINS THE RANKS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Nicole Meyer was elected to serve as Monroe County Coroner by Democratic precinct committee chairs at the caucus held Sunday, May 31, 2009.. Nicole was sworn into office at the caucus and begins her work as Monroe County Coroner tomorrow on June 1. Nicole plans to attend our breakfast meeting on Friday, so come to meet her and wish her luck as the County Coroner.

CITY-COUNTY CITIZENS' BREAKFAST -- (Thu Jun 11, 7:30 am - 8:30 am)

Jill Lesh and Susan Sandberg encourages residents to come to the breakfasts and share their insights and concerns about county government issues. This month's topic will be an informal discussion on: "Storm Water Utilities Management: Fees and Functions" Guests will be Bloomington Utilities Director, Patrick Murphy, and County Drainage Engineer, Todd Stevenson. Breakfast is at the Village Deli, 409 E. Kirkwood

For more information, contact Lesh, jill@jilllesh.com or 812-355-1365.

STATE 2009 JEFFERSON JACKSON DAY DINNER FEATURING PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON

YOU TOO could have your photo taken with a former (DEMOCRATIC) President! (from the Indiana State Democratic Party)

Dear Hoosier Democrat,

Have you signed up to attend the 2009 Jefferson Jackson Day Dinner featuring President Bill Clinton?

The event will take place in Downtown Indianapolis on June 20, and we're pleased to announce that if you reserve your seat by Friday, June 5, you'll be entered into a drawing to win two tickets to be photographed with President Clinton! (If you've already signed up, you'll automatically be entered in the drawing.)

You can sign up using the easy, secure online form on website

<http://www.indems.org/> or you can contact Kelly Norton at knorton@indems.org.

Tickets are selling fast, so be sure to reserve yours today -- and book by June 5 to be entered to win your photo with President Clinton!

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Seats are going fast for this year's Citizens' Academy, conducted by the City of Bloomington to encourage civic involvement. The sessions are held from 6-8 pm on Thursday evenings from August 27th through October 29th. Participants are acquainted with several departments and their work for the city, and several off site visits include the police, fire and parks departments. This is an excellent way to learn more about what city government does for its citizens and some of the reasons for why things are the way they are in Bloomington!

Contact Vickie Provine in the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department for more information: provinev@bloomington.in.gov.

WHO WAS SHE??

A. She was Margaret Chase Smith, (1897 – 1995)

The Associated Press' four time Woman of the Year, Margaret Chase Smith took her husband's seat in the US House of Representatives after his death in 1940 and made the position her own. Often voting against her own party, she advocated gender equality in pay and position and fought to improve conditions in the military. She served four terms in the House before her election to the US Senate in 1948 made her the first woman elected to both houses of Congress.

In her famous "Declaration of Conscience" speech, (given June 1, 1950 – 59 years ago today) Smith was the first senator to denounce McCarthy's tactics. In 1964 she ran for the Republican presidential nomination and, as the first female to take her nomination all the way to the Republican National convention, she had an impressive second-place finish.

The recipient of more than 85 honorary degrees, Smith was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and numerous other honors for her service to the us government. This information was taken from the Notable Women in Politics Knowledge Card deck, published by Pomegranate Communications, Inc. Read more at http://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/art/artifact/Painting_32_00041.htm

IT's YOUR NEWSLETTER!!

If you have an event or a notice that you think would be of interest to Democratic Women's Caucus members, please send it to DWCAucus Secretary Dee Owens (deeowens@indiana.edu). We make every attempt to put out a regular Monday Morning Newsletter.